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LB 411, 660, 853,
877, 927, 931,

PRESIDENT: We go to General File. LB 411. What have you got on 411? While the Legislature is in session and capable of transacting business I propose to sign and I have hereby signed LB 660. Where is Senator Maresh? Senator Keyes.

SENATOR KEYES: Mr. Speaker, the four, five bills that are on General File, coming up next, there is only one of those men in the House, one of those senators in the Chamber. Why don't we go ahead with his bill and wait for these others to get here. Let's not just stand here. Let's take up Senator Goodrich's bill. He is here. Well if it takes the rest of the day, let the rest of those guys sit in committee hearings. We're wasting time here. I want them brought in also.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator George would like to be excused February 23 and 24. Mr. President, your Committee on Public Health and Welfare gives notice, whose Chairman is Richard Lewis, to whom was referred LB 927, instructs me to report the same to the Legislature with the recommendation it be advanced to General File, 853 indefinitely postponed, and 931 indefinitely postponed. Mr. President, Senator Kelly asks unanimous consent to print amendments to LB 877 in the Legislative Journal. Mr. President, LB 411. Read title. The bill was first read on January 24th of last year. It was referred to the Public Works Committee. The bill was advanced to General File, Mr. President. The committee amendments were adopted by the body on January 6, 1978. A motion offered by Senator Kremer was adopted on January 6th of this year. I now have pending amendments by Senator Jack Mills. The amendments, Mr. President, can be found on Journal page 515.

SENATOR MILLS: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, we're here again at the same place where we were yesterday. Senator Bereuter is absent. He asked to have the bill laid over till today. Is he excused, Mr. Clerk? Okay. Not trying to slide anything by you, Senator Bereuter. Trying to conform with your wishes. If you look at page 515 of the Journal, I am asking you to adopt this amendment, which would put the ground water conservancy districts in the same provisions of law as other governmental bodies, such as villages, hospitals, community hospitals, county boards, etc., in that they would have to adopt their budget, adopt their budget like those other governing agencies. I think it's imperative that the people who believe in these districts, ground water conservancy districts, bring themselves to the hearing, budget themselves as other governmental subdivisions do. It's not asking anything different. It's not imposing upon them. It's not trying to do away with them. It's merely asking them to provide to the people if they are going to impose a mill levy, the same thing that other governmental subdivisions do. I'd ask for the adoption of the amendment.

PRESIDENT: Senator Bereuter.

SENATOR BEREUTER: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, Senator Mills, thank you for your courtesy yesterday and today. I think, looking at your amendment now, I find it to be an excellent idea, one that is quite appropriate. It is as appropriate for these bodies as it is for the other political subdivisions that are covered. I would be supportive of your amendment.

PRESIDENT: Senator Keyes. Do you want to close on this? Oh, Senator Lamb.